

en to thy servant; for I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue." (Ex. 4:10. R. V.)

But he had seen so much of the grace and mercy of God that his tongue sang in the most eloquent strains, the praise of him whose servant he was. Oh how much encouragement for the slow tongued.

It is in what he is about to say. "For I will proclaim the name of the Lord." (v. 3.) C. H. M. says of this song, "It takes in the whole range of God's dealings with Israel from first to last, and presents a most solemn record of their grievous sins and of divine wrath and judgment. But blessed be God, it begins and ends with Him; and this is full of deepest and richest blessing for the soul. Indeed how very assuring it is to know that in spite of the shameful failure of all humanity that still "God will be God, and have the upper hand and all will be—must be right.

"His work is perfect. Just and right is he." But his great grace and favor is shown in that he bought and made Israel, and still more surprising, when he gave to the nations their inheritance, he set their bounds according to the number of the children of Israel. Not the inheritance of the children of Israel according to their own number, but the bounds of the nations according to Israel. Wonderful grace! And so thro the song the doctrine of God—of Christ—distills as the dew, as the stream.

Glenford, Ohio.

HOW ARE YOU CENTERED?

S. KIEHL

It is written, I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. John 6:38. I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. John 5:30. The word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. John 14:24. The Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those shings that please him. John 8:29. My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. John 5:17. I and my Father are one. John 10:30. Christ was God-centered.

The believer, who has been translated from darkness to light, who now realizes that he is a child of God by faith in Christ Jesus, who recognizes Jesus as the author and finisher of his faith, who knows there is no other way, no other name, and no other foundation for salvation, who abides in the love of Christ by keeping his commandments, (John 15:10) who can truthfully say, I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me, (Gal. 2:20) is Christ-centered.

He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. Jas. 1:6-8. Such an one is non-centered.

We dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that

commend themselves; but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. II Cor. 10:12. These find no standard of measurement in Christ. Such are self-centered.

There are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into the lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. Jude 4. Such no doubt, are devil-centered.

How are we centered? May the sentiment of the Psalmist be the sentiment of every one who reads this. I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart. Ps. 40:8.

Dayton, Ohio.

The Mission Field

WASHINGTON CITY ECHOES

Do not have time to write but a few words this week, but wish to make this statement: All pledges or subscriptions received for the church property here, or money received for the support of the mission, will be duly acknowledged in EVANGELIST, as heretofore, and all contributors will therefore please excuse me from receipting them *personally*. I would like to be able to give a personal reply in each case if I could. We are truly glad that the church building fund continues to increase, tho not so much as we would like, but it should be kept in mind that the mission itself must live while the building fund is swelling. We are nearly one month behind with current expenses. This is not enjoyable by any means, but we still hold on and pray on. May all who read this and who love the Lord in sincerity pray with us and for us. It does us much good to read in the EVANGELIST the many very encouraging reports from various parts of our dear brotherhood, but I notice that in each case such reports come from those congregations where they have their own church homes and are not hampered for lack of means. How many take real pleasure in fulfilling that wonderful command found in Gal. 6:2? Fulfil this part of the sacred record as a people and missions, colleges and all other good institutions will no longer *go begging*. Leave this unfulfilled and what good does it do to keep the other commandments of the gospel?

W. M. LYON.

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For Washington City Church Property

Leah Sprinkle, Sterling, Ills., (pledge,)	\$ 5 00
Miss Vina Snyder, Canton, Ohio, (cash,)	5 00
" Amanda Snyder, " " "	2 00
Previously reported,	572 03
Total receipts to date,	\$584 03

W. M. LYON.

"Desires are the pulse of the soul, by which you may judge of the state of its health."

Church News

Holsingerisms, No 25

I am getting pretty well initiated to my new surroundings in the land of perpetual sunshine. Now, "perpetual sunshine," must not be understood that the sun shines every day, for "Some days must be dark and dreary." Without clouds there could be no rain and without rain this earth would be a very poor habitation for man. And this affords me an excellent prelude for saying that we have had copious rains in California, and all the inhabitants rejoice.

I have attended four preaching services, and have heard Brother Shively preach four sermons. I have fully decided that he can preach, and I will venture the prophecy, that, if he will remain humble, he will in due time, be classed among the very best in the Brethren church or any other. That may do for the present, as I will have occasion to write of him again.

We have preaching in the church in Lathrop every alternate Sunday evening, and intervening Sunday evening service, called social meeting. At these services Sister Waddle has read a sermon from some paper. The last read was brother J. L. Kimmel's from the EVANGELIST. It seemed to me like old times to hear Brother Kimmel preach. I commend this manner of utilizing odd evenings. Every congregation has one or more persons who can read well, and in this way could serve the Lord to a good purpose. This reminds me of an experience of my own away back in the sixties, when I read my first sermon in a school house near Warrior's Mark, Pa., in the absence of the minister. It was one of Henry Ward Beecher's "Lecture Room Talks," and was well received, much better than some of my original sermons on which I had spent much study.

I have also attended two of our cottage prayer meetings, the latter of which I enjoyed very much.

We are now anticipating our State Conference which convenes next Thursday at Turlock, about 30 miles south of Lathrop, and which most of us expect to attend and enjoy, for our California conferences have the reputation of being enjoyable occasions.

We have not been able to do much in the line of visiting. Of course we have been to the preacher's home, from which the courteous and entertaining host has been called to a better and more endurable mansion, even to a "house not made with hands." We refer to our brother, John P. Wolfe, whose death EVANGELIST readers will remember. We miss brother John's smiling countenance, but the same Christian hospitality continues to pervade the home. The two youngest daughters, sisters Laura and Rua are absent from home teaching, which has removed from the home two other lights, but we have hope of their returning in the near future, when their schools close.

We receive the EVANGELIST pretty regularly on Monday following the Wednesday on